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Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to follow up on a notice sent out December 18, 2009, regarding the temporary suspension of some microbiological testing for selected products. Effective immediately, the suspension is lifted and the Environmental Health Laboratory is once again able to offer testing of cheese, dairy water, food outbreak, ready to eat food, organoleptic, and can seam integrity samples. We apologize for any inconvenience this temporary suspension may have caused and hope that our ability to accept these samples once again will help to ease any burdens caused by shipping samples out of state.

If you have any questions regarding microbiological testing, please contact Matthew Forester, our Biological Analysis Manager, by phone at (907) 375-8204 or email [matthew.forester@alaska.gov](mailto:matthew.forester@alaska.gov).

We are also pleased to announce that Ms. Patryce McKinney will be joining the Division of Environmental Health as our new Chief of Laboratory Services on August 2, 2010. Ms. McKinney comes to us from Fairbanks, where she has over 10 years' management experience within the commercial laboratory industry. She brings with her extensive experience in drinking water analysis, wastewater and contaminated sites site assessments.

Sincerely,



Ron Klein  
Acting Chief, Laboratory Services  
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